meeting and the subjects have been invited for discussion in the forthcoming meeting from the hon'ble members.

Upgradation of landing system at airports

542. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what steps the Airports Authority of India has taken to upgrade the landing system at the airports in the country to meet the foggy conditions during the last winter;

(b) to what extent the AAI succeeded in avoiding stranding of aircrafts at different airports;

(c) whether the Runway Visual Range (RVR) equipment imported from Germany has been installed and commissioned; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Instrument Landing System (ILS) CAT-IIIA has already been installed at IGI Airport, Delhi and is likely to be commissioned by March, 2001 after completing some necessary requirements. Proposals are under implementation to provide and install CAT-II ILS at the airports at Jammu, Amritsar and Lucknow. With the commissioning of Cat. MA ILS at IGI Airport, aircraft operation will be possible in low visibility conditions upto 200 metres and to that extent the stranding of aircrafts could be avoided.

(c) The new Runway Visual Range (RVR) system has been imported and provided by India Meteorological Department and has been installed and commissioned at IGI Airport. Delhi in December, 2000.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of Air-Strip at Umaria

† 543. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government have received any scheme for construction of air-strip at Umaria to attract foreign tourists at National Park Bandhavgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, by when the sanction is expected to be accorded for the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Lease of Aircrafts

544. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 9th February, 2001 captioned "Indian Airlines Plan for Boeing 737-200s lease vanishes into thin air";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether one of the Boeing 737-200s supposedly offered on lease to I.A. has become older than the stipulated age; and

(e) the details of the response to IA's world wide press tender issued in March, 2000 for lease of A-320s and 737-300 or 400 aircrafts
lease?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines Ltd. executed Letters of Intent (L.O.I.) for lease of five B-737-200 and two A-320 aircraft in September, 2000. As per L.O.I., the delivery of B-737-200 aircraft were to begin from 3rd week of November, 2000 and that of Airbus 320 from April, 2001. The final contract for lease of these B-737-200